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JOHN HENRY BUCK

JOHN HENRY BUCK, Curator of Metal Work from 1906 to December 1912, and retired January 1913, died after a short illness on January 30, 1914.

In his death the Museum has lost one who was always devoted to its interests, and ever ready to give advice and information, of which he possessed an abundant store, to his associates in the Museum; to the public and to visitors who when passing through the galleries might be desirous to obtain detailed knowledge in regard to any of the objects exhibited in his department.

Since his retirement he made it a rule to visit the Museum once each week, and now that he will visit it no more his presence will be greatly missed.

Mr. Buck was born in 1848 at Tiverton, Devonshire, England, at which time his father was Master of Brundell's Grammar School, and it was there that he received his education.

When he decided on a profession he chose that of an architect, and was articled to Messrs. Street & Son, the well known English firm. During the time that he was an articled clerk he spent his evenings in study, and visited and worked in the South Kensington Museum whenever

opportunity offered, and thus gained a knowledge of the arts in which he was so greatly interested.

It was in the year 1876 that he made his first visit to the United States when he came as the representative of some important English firms who exhibited at the Centennial Exhibition, held in Philadelphia in 1876. At the close of the Exhibition he returned to England, but in the following year decided to return and make the United States his future home.

Since residing here his time was devoted to work in Ecclesiastical Art, Stained Glass, Gold and Silversmiths' work, especially the latter, and Heraldry.

His fondness for architecture caused him to be a competitor among those who submitted designs for the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, on Morningside Heights, and though unsuccessful in obtaining the award, his designs were so highly thought of that they were classed among the few that were considered when a final decision was to be rendered.

Mr. Buck was for many years connected with the Gorham Manufacturing Company and was well known to all of the collectors of silver in the United States, and also to many in England. His book on Old Plate is considered one of the best works on this subject.

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JOHN L. CADWALADER

As the Bulletin is going to press, news is received of the death of the late John L. Cadwalader, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Museum since 1902.

Appropriate mention of Mr. Cadwalader's services to the Corporation will be made in the next issue.
